

Abstract

The present invention provides a novel method for obtaining diverse antibodies as a result of markedly enhancing the somatic homologous recombination at an antibody locus in immunocytes.

By putting immunocytes in which DNA homologous recombination is occurring at an antibody locus (for example, DT40 cells and the like) into contact and the like with histone acetylase inhibitor and the like (for example, trichostatin A and the like), thereby relaxing the chromatin structure at said antibody locus, somatic homologous recombination at an antibody locus is enhanced, and the production of diverse antibody molecules is made possible.

The production of antibodies that bind specifically to antigens from cell populations in which the antibody molecules have been diversified by the enhancement of somatic homologous recombination is made possible by using an appropriate selection method (for example, beads coated with antigen and the like)